

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following new paragraph after the Title and prior to the Description.

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

[0001] This is the National Stage of International Application PCT/IB2004/051447, with an international filing date of August 11, 2004.

Please replace the example heading beginning on page 21, lines 4 and 5 with the following amended title:

Example 2. [[Synthesis]] Synthesis of 5-(cyanine IRIS 3 sulfo alkynyl)-2'-deoxycytidine (Compound 2)

Please replace the example heading beginning on page 22, lines 3 and 4 with the following amended title:

Example 3. [[Synthesis]] Synthesis of 5-(cyanine IRIS 3 sulfo alkynyl)-2'-deoxycytidine triphosphate (Compound 3)

Please replace the example heading beginning on page 21, lines 4-5 with the following amended title:

Example 4. [[Synthesis]] Synthesis of 1-(4-carboxybutyl)-1'-es-5-ynil-3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-5,5'-disulfonated indodicarbocyanine sodium salt (Compound 4)